

## ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company..... Ranger Force, Station.....

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF Haskell.

I, B. M. Whiteker, born in Coryell County  
in the State of Texas, aged 42 years and 4 months, and by occupation a  
real estate & abstractor do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 1st day of  
June, 1918, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years,  
unless sooner discharged by proper authority. And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such  
~~bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law.~~ Without Pay And I do solemnly swear  
that will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of  
the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the  
United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution  
of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted  
as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I further-  
more swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor prom-  
ised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my  
appointment. So help me God.

B. M. Whiteker

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of June A. D. 1918

Notary Public, Haskell County, Texas.

Fill in description below.

I certify that....., the above named man, has been carefully examined by me  
previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and  
will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is..... years  
..... months of age. Height..... feet..... inches. Complexion..... Eyes.....  
Hair..... Born at..... County of..... State of.....  
Occupation..... Married or single..... Previous service.....  
Residence Haskell, Haskell Co.

Remarks: .....

Captain Co..... Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name B. M. Whitaker

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_, Ranger Force

Station \_\_\_\_\_

*[Faint, mostly illegible text from the reverse side of the document, appearing as bleed-through. Some words like "I do" and "I will" are visible.]*

*[Handwritten signature or initials in the bottom right corner.]*

THE STATE



OF TEXAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

*Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer B.M. Whiteker

is a Private in ~~Company~~ the        Ranger Force, State of Texas, and this is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 27th Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 29th, 1901, and Descriptive List for identification, and will be exhibited as his authority to act as a Ranger when called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be surrendered to Company Commander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List is signed by The Adjutant General under seal of office and attested by Company Commander.

Name	<u>B.M. Whiteker</u>	Rank	<u>Private</u>
Age	<u>      </u>	Where born	<u>Coryell Co., Texas.</u>
Height	<u>      </u>	Occupation	<u>Real Estate &amp; Abstracter</u>
Hair	<u>      </u>	Enlisted Where	<u>Austin</u>
Eyes	<u>      </u>	Enlisted When	<u>June 1, 1918.</u>
Complexion	<u>      </u>	Enlisted by whom	<u>Adjutant General.</u>
			<u>Haskell</u>

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 21st

day of June 1918

Walter F. Woodul

Acting The Adjutant General.

Attest:

Captain Ranger Force  
Commanding Co.

# THE OZARK TRAILS ASSOCIATION

From Lawton, Oklahoma, via Wichita Falls, Seymour,  
Haskell, Abilene to El Paso, Texas

OFFICE OF  
B. M. WHITEKER, Route Manager

Haskell, Texas, March, 8<sup>th</sup>/19.

Hon. Jas. M. Harley,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter this morning asking that I return to you, Adjutant General's Department, my commission as Special Ranger, and will say that I am doing so.

If I have been of any service to my country in any way I want to say that I am glad that I have been in position to do so and I want to thank you department for extending to me this opportunity to serve my country.

It is true that my County is out of any unreasonable danger, but at the same time I will say that I am more than ready to go or do anything that will be to the interest or protection of our Flag or our liberty that no other flag can honestly boast of.

Again stating that if I have been of any service the same has been given with the best of intentions and that I will at any time be more than glad to tender my self for further service and only need to be called up on.

Assuring you that I am very much gratified to have <sup>been</sup> accepted as one of the Special State Rangers and that I am gladly returning the Commission knowing that in all probability that all trouble is now over that we may enter upon a era of great prosperity and that we may always retain our reputation among nations as the One Nation that fights for liberty and that we will fight to a finish.

My services have been so insignificant compared to the real soldier that I can hardly claim that I have at all served my country.

I am most respectfully,

  
B. M. Whiteker